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Senior Class
of
Rome Free Academy
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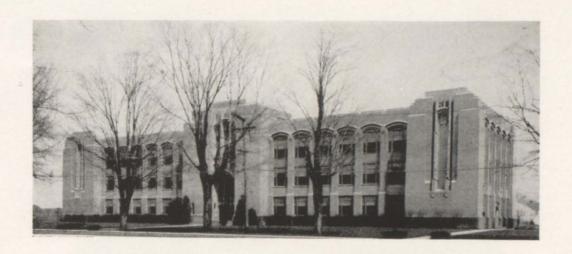
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# Explanation of name De-O-Wain-Sta

1945 marks the 20th year of the publication of Rome Free Academy's year book, the De-O-Wain-Sta. Previous to 1926 it had been called the Senior Annual. The name De-O-Wain-Sta comes from the Oneida Indian's words for "the carrying place," which means the place where boats were carried from one stream to another. The easiest route to the west for the English colonists was by way of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, Wood Creek, Oneida Lake, the Oswego River, and the Great Lakes. Along this route there were portages or carrying places, the most important of which was at Rome between the Mohawk River and Wood Creek, its general location being what is now Dominick Street. Not until 1797 were Wood Creek and the Mohawk River connected by a canal for canoes and heavier boats, although it had been a very important place in transportation routes even before the Revolution. Until that time anyone traveling westward was obliged to carry his water craft across the land which was to mark the site of our city.



# Tribute to Servicemen

Without a sign his sword the brave man draws, And asks no omen but his country's cause.

—Homer.

Rome Free Academy's sons in the service of our country now total 1,550

Those of her sons who have made the supreme sacrifice number 27

These were honored in their generation,
And were the glory of the times.

—Ecclesiasticus.



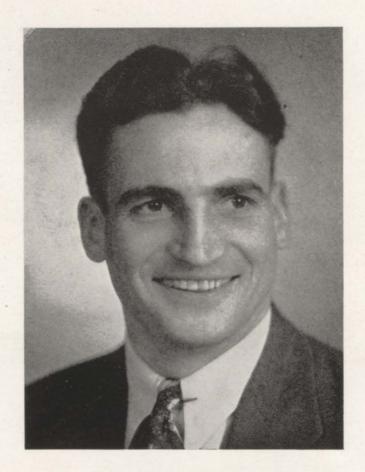
GEORGE R. STALEY
Superintendent of Schools

# Our Memories of George R. Staley

In his forty-four years as superintendent of the Rome Public Schools, Mr. Staley has given us, the students, a treasure of pleasant memories. His friendliness and democratic attitude have given our school life an added meaning. His advice as a friend and his counsel as an educator have proved to be invaluable to us as individuals. He has shown enthusiasm in all our student activities and outside interests. His warmth and friendliness to each one of us has strengthened our deep admiration for him.

Mr. Staley, we have been very fortunate to have been under your guidance during our school career. We will always remember your visits to our classrooms, although they were sometimes embarrassing, and we respect you for your interest in our work. Yet we will remember also your gift for applying the right touch of humor when the occasion demanded it.

It is with great regret that we bid you farewell. We also regret that the students of future years will not benefit by your friendship and wisdom.



CARL S. PAIGE

We of the class of 1945 sincerely hope that you have found this, your first year at R F A, to be a welcome and pleasant one. We are honored to be your first graduating class here, and we deeply appreciate the many ways in which you have helped, and the friendly encouragement you have given us. In spite of present world conditions, we shall always look back upon our last year at Rome Free Academy as a very pleasant and profitable one, and we feel equally sure that this has been in a large measure due to your efforts to make it so. May Rome Free Academy, under your guidance, continue to be the proud institution that we shall hope it to be.



# List of Faculty

# Principal

CARL S. PAIGE
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Eona Owens Doris W. Davison



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Secretary				DELORES CATALDO
Treasurer				JOSEPH TRELA
Adviser				MISS KINGSLEY



NAN BARNARD

In December of our junior year, we learned with sorrowful hearts of the death of Nan Barnard. "Barny," as she was known to most of us, was light-hearted, gay, and above all she was a good friend. She has been missed and will continue to be missed by us all.

#### JOHN ALONGE

John is from "down where the trade winds blow."

# PATRICIA ANKEŇ

Library Council, Gym Leader.

Pat always sits in the first seat, first row Because she's always been an Anken, you know.

#### JOHN ARGENZIA

We will always remember John without malice And see him soon in ads for "Vitalis."

#### GEORGE BALTZER

If George works at Penney's for the rest of his life How will he find time to take a wife?

#### MARJORIE BARNARD

Assistant Stamp Collector, Home Ec. Club, B.S.I., Chorus, Vice Chairman.

Peggy and Jimmy make a good pair, When they're together they walk on air.













#### JOYCE BAUMLER

Veritas Vincit, Spanish Club, Red Cross Club, Cheerleader, Gym Leader, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

What makes her eyes aglow? What makes her cupid's bow? We think she's got a fella— We know his name's Patala!

#### JEAN BELL

Library Council, Vice President '44, Jr. Red Cross Chairman '44, National Honor Society, Home Room Chairman '44, B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Junior Prom Committee, D.A.R. Pilgrim.

You've heard of the "Good Will Hour," Read the column of Dorothy Dix. Jean's the teen-ager's Eisenhower With her help everything ticks.

#### RICHARD BILLINGS

Vice President Senior Class, Student Council, De-O-Wain-Sta Humor Editor, Hi-Y State Assembly, Junior Rotarian, Athletic Council, Swimming Team '44, Roman Forum, Intramural Basketball, Play Production, B.S.I., Junior Prom Committee, Senior Ball Committee, Senior Ring Committee, Hockey Manager '43, '44, '45, Assistant Football Manager '42.

"Rich" spends his time swimmin', When he's not involved with Hi-Y. Get on the subject of wimmin And watch the gleam in his eye!

#### SHIRLEY BERMAN

Jr. Red Cross, B.S.I., Gym Leader, Archery Club '43, Basketball '43.

It's not the hat but the initials that seem to catch our eye, But when you ask their meaning Shirley only hurries by.

#### RICHARD BIRD

Watch the "Birdie" kids! He's gonna fly!

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#### ANTOINETTE BOFFI

Speech is great; but silence is greater.



#### ANN BURKHART

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, '44, '45, Gym Leader.

She has a gift you ought to know, A nifty knack for collecting dough!

#### JANET BORNT

"Ginger's" one of those rare cases of brains plus personality.



#### SALLY BOX

Veritas Vincit.

We wonder if Sally's pea jacket will lead to bigger things in a "Navy way."

#### BEVERLY BOVE

Basketball, Jr. Red Cross.

Our "good humor" gal-full of pep and lots of laughs.



#### CATHRINE BROWN

Jr. Red Cross, Veritas Vincit, Roman Forum, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Jr. Prom Decorating Committee.

Katy, Katy, dark-eyed beauty, How does your schedule go? She knits and reads and never grinds, Has lots of fun and loads of good times.

#### ANGELA BOVI

Home Ec. Club.

The reason her clothes look so swell is 'cause she makes 'em herself.



# DON BURKHART

They call him names, they knock him down, They treat him good and rough But he claims he doesn't mind it— Because he is so tough.

#### JENNIE MARY BROGNANO

B.S.I.

Always smiling, never glum, She's a happy cheerful chum.



#### JOAN BURNS

Editor-in-chief of De-O-Wain-Sta, Veritas Vincit, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, Jr. Prom Decorating Committee, Library Council, Dramatics, Senior Ring Committee, Vice Chairman of Home Room, Spanish Club.

Listen, my friends, and you shall hear Of Joan who has a conscience clear Though many's the howling wolf she phases When she gives out with those French phrases.

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#### ALETHA CAGWIN

Chorus, Stamp Collector.

Al tha has a great big smile on, Aletha really looks quite fine; Aletha has a sparkly ring on, "And that," says Howard, "is mine."

#### ANGELINE CALANDRA

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Secretary of Archery Club, Basketball.

That gorgeous blond hair of Angie's
Makes her quite a catch;
And when it comes to jitterbugging
You'll find there is no match.

#### MARY ELIZABETH CALDWELL

Band.

R.F.A. wishes success and happiness to a girl who came here in her junior year and made so many friends.

#### JEAN CALICCHIA

Bowling is right down Jean's alley. Set 'em up again!

#### DOROTHEA CAMPANARO

"Dot" plays the piano by ear, We know she's good, so have no fear!









#### EDWARD CAPOCCIA

"Peanuts," as he is known by all, Has plenty on the ball.

#### LUCILLE CAPOCCIA

Another girl whose "sparkler" matches the sparkle in her eyes.

#### MARY CARLETTA

She's pretty as a picture, Nice frame, too!

#### DELORES CATALDO

Archery, Basketball, Home Ec. Club, Secretary of Senior Class, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

See? Gee! Dee! Whee!

# GLORIA CATRICALA

Home Ec. Club, Library Council.

Dimples, looks, and personality, For our bonny Gloria we'd lay us doon and dee!

#### GENEVIEVE CERESOLI

B.S.I. Editor-in-Chief, Library Council.

You can have your Myrt or Gert; We think Genevieve's right pert.



#### DORIS CLARK

Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Look—Doris Clark Listen—The wolves bark!

#### ROSE CERESOLI

Library Council, War Stamp Collector, Home Ec. Club, Chorus.

Two beautiful "Dimples" tack her smile into place.



#### FRANCIS CONOVER

Baseball

A fine sport, a fine pupil, and a fine all-around guy is our man Friday.

#### FRANCES CHMIELEWSKI

Pronounce Chimielewski. Give it a try. We can't either And Frances wonders why.



#### CLARENCE COOPER

The sun shines east, The sun shines west, This C.A.P.'s shoes shine the best.

#### STEPHANIE CIMO

Book Drive.

Curly hair. Baby stare, Not a care! Says, "Hi there!"



# ISABEL CORRADINO

What's Proctor got that Rome lacks for "Issy?"

#### ROSEMARY CLARABUT

B.S.I., Veritas Vincit, Basketball, Home Room Chairman.

Gail's favorite flower — Rosemary for remembrance.



# KEITH COVENTRY

Sing a song of Coventry, A pocket full of rye; When someone asks about him, We say he's a swell guy!

#### ANNA CRESCENZI

Annie was the smiling face in Mr. Moe's office.



#### EUGENE DEL NERO

Oh! Those blue eyes!

#### JIM CURLEY

Football, '43 Captain, Intramural Boxing,

Oh heaven! Work is what I want, Suitable to my position. I don't say, "I cawn't"; It's just that I'm not in condition!



#### MARGARET DE GRAZIO

Cute to the "oomph" degree!

#### ROBERT CURLEY

Football, Baseball, Hockey, Intramural Basketball.

Are there any more at home like you?



#### FELICIA DE PROSPERO

B.S.I., Basketball, Gym Leader.

You'll want to swing unless you're deaf,
If you're with Felicia who works in the G&F.

# GWYNETH M. DAVIES

A Cappela Choir, Band.

"Gwyn" knows French and likes music as well, We wish her "good luck" 'cause we think she's swell.



# JOHN DE RUBY

Home Room Chairman, Basketball.

John's "private" life is his life as a member of the State Guard.

#### LA VERNE DAVIS

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, Secretary of Veritas Vincit, Cheerleader, B.S.I., Jr. Red Cross, Senior Ring Committee, Gym Leader, Stamp Collector.

Her friends are many, Her enemies few; And as for boys Well—you know who.



#### DOROTHY DEL VECCHIO

Chorus.

A maiden fair, a maiden jolly, Opposed to all that's melancholy.

#### ANTOINETTE DI CASTRO

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Subtle and gay in every way, That's how we find Nettie from day to day.



#### MARIE DOMENICO

Marie's got everybody's number! She's a telephone operator.

#### ANTONETTA DISTANTE

Up on a cloud, Playing a harp, We'll see Toni And she'll still look sharp!



#### JOAN DOMINO

Cheerleader.

A swell cheerleader is our "Pudge," Full of pep and never bears a grudge.

#### FRANK DESTITO

Home Room Chairman.

Choppy, we think you ought to get some advice from Toodie DeSantis on how to handle Mrs. Crook.



#### SOPHIE DUDA

Jr. Red Cross, Archery Club, Red Cross Representative, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, 45, Library Council.

Sophie, Sophie, quite contrary How do your marks go? With ninety-eights and ninety-nines and hundreds all in a row.

#### MICKELENE DESTITO

What makes her eyes look soft and dewy? Could it be a guy named Louie?



#### BETTY ELAINE EGGEN

Senior Ring Committee.

Another proof that gentlemen pre-fer blondes.

# FRANK DOMENICO

Yes, we have no bananas!



# SHIRLEY ENGELBERT

Veritas Vincit—Vice President, Cheerleader, Jr. Red Cross, Stu-dent Council, Archery Club, Gym Leader.

Here's a girl with pep and will Who's in a whirl when she thinks of Bill.

#### GUIDO FANFARILLO

Boxing

Greetings, gate! You got a date? When swing met Guy It must have been fate!

#### VINCENT FANFARILLO

"Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well," is Vincent's motto.

# ELVIRA FAUCI

Archery Club, Jr. Red Cross, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Library Club, Stamp Salesman.

Breathes there the man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said—H'mm—there goes Elvira.

#### JOSEPH FAVATA

Joe knows how to keep from strife, We've found no woman in his life.

# MARIE FAZIO

Basketball, Jr. Red Cross, Red Cross Representative, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Senior Ring Committee, Vice Chairman of Red Cross.

Marie will make a fine secretary for some one; She has looks and can keep books.













#### WILLIAM FEDRICK

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Senior Ring Committee, Roman Forum, Hi-Y Treasurer '45.

Willie would be a man of the day, If he had gas for his model "A."

#### JOAN FIDLER

Junior Red Cross, B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

When to the theatre you chance to
go
To drown a sorrow or secret woe,
Look at Joan, my friend, and lo!
You'll hear—"Wherefore art thou,
Romeo?"

#### WILLIAM FIELDING

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Hi-Y, Senior Ring Committee, Student Council, Home Room Chairman, Teen Age Committee.

Fitting shoes, beefing, feeling happy, sleeping—
"Lovable" Bill is never found weeping.

#### LEONA FIKE

A smile for all—how easy it is for Leona to be pleasant.

#### MARY LOU FISHER

B.S.I., Home Ec. Club, Library Council, Jr. Red Cross, Archery Club, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, Secretary Homeroom, Junior Prom Committee, Chairman of Sophomore Dance.

A pleasant hobby for her, we know Is writing to a sailor named Joe.

# JENNIE FONTANA

Home Ec. Club, B.S.I., Archery Club, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Her keen sense of humor will be remembered by all.

# YOLANDA FORTINI

Stamp Collector.

Her polish is not exclusively on her fingernails.

#### HOMER FOSTER

B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Jr. Red Cross, Junior Prom Committee.

Though he's quiet around the school,
This giant gent is still no fool;
Studies are right in his line,
You just watch him; he's doing fine.

#### JEAN FRASER

Veritas Vincit, Slingerland, Spanish Club, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, Junior Prom Committee, Senior Ring Committee, Stamp Salesman, Dramatics, Jr. Red Cross, Roman Forum, Senior Ball Committee, Home Room Chairman.

Jean — one of the best girls we know.
Enthusiastic—about a certain Valley Forge Cadet.
Ambitious—there isn't a thing she wouldn't do for you.
Nice—she sure is.

#### WILLIAM FRITZ

Intramural Basketball, Senior Ball Committee.

Where'd you get that red shirt, Bill?













#### ALLOIS GARDNER

B.S.I., Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Jr. Red Cross.

"Loy" knows every latest swing step, She's a solid "jitterbug"; Anyone would get plenty "hep" Watching her "cut a rug."

#### SHIRLEY GEARHART

Jr. Red Cross, B.S.I., Library Council Secretary, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, Stamp Collector.

Shirley's blond hair and blue eyes Make you look twice; To sum up her character, Let's say she's nice.

#### LUCY GIZZI

Home Ec. Club.

Lucy is one of those fortunate girls whom everyone likes for what she is.

#### NORMAN GHISALBERT

Football, Senior Ball Committee.

"Boliver" came and "Boliver" went, But we know he was here 'cause he left a dent.

# GEORGIA GERWIG

Veritas Vincit Treasurer, Cheerleader, B.S.I., Jr. Red Cross, De-O-Wain Sta Staff, Gym Leader.

We of '45 find it a pleasant duty To crown her "Queen of Feminine Beauty."

#### DIVILIO GIANNECCHINI

Slingerland.

If you're looking for "Duli" He can usually be found With a trio of females Singing "Alabamy Bound."

#### WILLARD GOLDEN

Jr. Red Cross.

For a job like his most guys would beg— Shoeing many a shapely leg.

#### ARTHUR GOODMAN

B.S.I., Senior Ring Committee, Track, Football, Roman Forum, Intramural Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Senior Ball Decoration Committee.

Track star "Mahat" has to be extra fleet, When he's running down North Madison Street.

#### CLARK GORDON

Tall and blond with lots of dash, We will all remember "Flash"!

#### TED GORSKI

Ted makes us gasp in awe With his knowledge of Parliamentary Law!











#### LEON GRANDE

Slingerland.

Speed's our best-dressed man! He's got a zoot suit for every day in the week.

# JOSEPH GRASSO, JR.

Slingerland.

His voice is thrilling, warm and fine, And you really ought to hear his line.

#### JOSEPH S. GRASSO

Here's a guy who's really swell, His grin is nice to see; His pals, you know, need never doubt him, What would the "Trojans" do without him?

#### VINCENT GRASSO

Vinnie's no gardener, But he knows his "Roses."

#### JOSEPH GRAZIANO

Junior Prom Decorating Committee, Athletic Council, Business Manager of De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Swimming, Baseball, Basketball, Football.

Official cartoonist of the State guard, And we know he's not from U.F.A. 'Cause he's been making baskets and touchdowns for us for three years.

#### DOMENICA MARIE GRIECO

Jr. Red Cross, B.S.I. Commissioner '44, '45, Basketball, Home Ec. Club, Slingerland. Spanish Club, Student Council, Student Cabinet, Junior Prom Committee, Senior Ball Committee.

Hopper, Winchell, and Gabriel Heatter, They know plenty but they can't beat her; Collecting news along her way, She's the eyes and ears of R.F.A.

#### SHIRLEY GROFF

Home Ec. Club.

We can't call her small, 'Cause she's sorta tall; At cooking and sewing, She's shown that she's knowing.

## BEVERLY JANE HOFERD

Home Ec. Club, Jr. Red Cross, Stamp Salesman.

Bev's being patriotic and giving up the army to become a nurse.

#### RAYMOND HEILIG

Roman Forum, Football.

A quiet sort of person, With wit inside his head; He doesn't need a place to sleep, Just set him on a bed.

# CLARA HARTZOG

Jr. Red Cross, Dramatics, Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, A Cappella Choir.

"Frankly," Clara is waiting for her ship to come in.















#### HELEN HRECZKOSIJ

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Basketball, Archery.

When into the paint her brush she dips,
There's magic in her fingertips,
And this tiny blonde will prove to all
To be a success you don't have to be tall.

# JOANNE IERLEY

Stamp Salesman, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Give this gal a job to do—and relax—she's really a whiz and a pal, too.

#### DONALD JACKSON

"J" is for jolly, joking, and jest; Jackson is all of them, as you have guessed.

#### BARBARA JONES

Basketball, Home Ec. Club, Jr. Red Cross.

"B.J." brightens her locker-corner considerably.

# CHARLES JONES

Track, Football.

He played upon the football team, He also ran for track; But now he's up in Syracuse, There's nothing he does lack.

#### ROBERT JONES

There was a boy at R.F.A., His name was Robert Jones; Although he's in the Navy now, He speaks in modest tones.

# JANE ANN KAHLER

Roman Forum, Stamp Salesman, Archery Club, B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Here's a gal with personality, Plus vim, vigor and vitality; Much time will pass e'er we forget Our very charming majorette.

#### MURIEL KARLEN

Jr. Red Cross, Archery, Student Council, B.S.I.

With envy we're green, When we see Muriel's Marine.

#### MARY KEISER

Secretary Student Association '44, Vice President Student Association, Vice President Veritas Vincit, Vice President Archery Club, Roman Forum, Jr. Red Cross, Junior Prom Decorating Committee, Slingerland, National Honor Society, B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Cheerleader, Stamp Salesman.

Sing a song of telephones, Dances, dates and shows; Ask about a certain gob, And zip! Off she goes.

# AUDREY ELIZABETH KIME

Veritas Vincit.

Sonatas and preludes are right up her line, For Brahms, Bach and Chopin she plays all the time.













#### PHYLLIS KLARA

Dance, girl, dance!

#### VINCENZIA LA GATTA

De-O-Wain Staff, Gym Leader, Archery Club, Basketball.

Jennie's very familiar with a certain "cavalier"—She works there!

#### LEONA ANN KUTSKO

Many of us will remember Leona as the girl who gave us such cheerful service at the school store.

#### OLGA KOZMA

Jr. Red Cross, Dramatics, A Cappella Choir, Basketball, Junior Prom Committee.

To be a dental hygienist is her dream— Let's see her keep plates clean without Duz.

# MARY LENTINO

Home Ec. Club, Winner D. A. R. Sewing Contest.

Mary's dressmaking won first honorable mention in the nation. Who knows? R.F.A. may have another Schappiarelli.

#### SARALEE LEVITT

Merrily! That's Saralee.

# HELEN LITWIN

How to live on a farm and like it! Here's one who knows.

# ALBERT LINCE

Junior Prom Committee.

Things have come to such a pass, That now they have to ration gas; But if you really need a pal, Come around and ask for Al.

#### FRANK M. LOPUSZYNSKI

Hi-Y.

Life's a bowl of cherries, To jolly joking "Fink"; He never allows his worries To put him on the blink.

## MARY LO RUSSO

Treasurer Sophomore Class, Vice President Junior Class, Home Ec. Club President '44, Delegate to State and National Home Ec. Conventions, Jr. Red Cross, B.S.I., Basketball, Spanish Club, Slingerland '43, '44, Archery Club, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Student Council, Veritas Vincit, Junior Prom Committee, Assembly Usher.

Always in a hurry. She's the busiest gal we know as you can see by this list.













#### JOSEPHINE LUCCI

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, War Stamp Salesman.

A ready smile, A winning way; Make friends for Josephine Every day.

#### PAULINE LUCCI

A girl with Pauline's kind of looks, Is found in lots and lots of date books.

#### CATHLEEN LUCZYNSKI

Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff. Cathy's as bright as a dollar and she's really a very good scholar.

# ALVA MAC CAULEY

Alva lived quite far away, But Alva came to R.F.A.

# ANTOINETTE MAGLIOCCA

Archery Club, Basketball, Gym Leader.

There goes a flash—another basket l Who made it?—Antoinette—need you ask it?

#### JOSEPHINE MARKUM

Jo likes red and as you know, She often wears it from top to toe.

# JOSEPHINE MARUCCI

Stamp Salesman, Junior Prom Committee.

My friends, you sure don't need a lamp,
To see why men on her doorstep camp.

#### IAN MARWICK

Assembly Usher, Interclub Council, Senior Play, Spanish Club, Projection Club, Hi-Y President '44, State Hi-Y Assembly.

Mort's inventions are very clever, But they serve no use whatever.

#### JEAN MATHIS

Red Cross Home Room Chairman '43, Home Ec. Club.

We dream of Jeanie With the light brown hair— Talk about pleasant dreams!

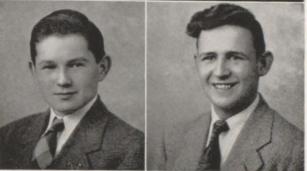
# DAVID F. McCARTHY

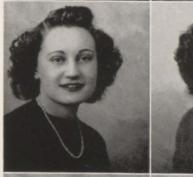
Junior Prom Committee, Intra-Mural Athletics Coordinator, Senior Ball Committee, Intramural Basketball.

That car makes a lot of noise, but its fun! Deposit your nickel as you enter. Dave says, "Trouble — trouble always trouble!"













#### JEAN McDONALD

Her name shows she is a Scotch lassy, And we all think she's downright classy.

#### KENNETH MCHALE

B.S.I., Dramatics.

If Kenneth does as well in the Navy as he did in radio work, we can just call him "Admiral."

#### LAURANCE MEYER

Larry just washed his car and he can't do a thing with it.

#### HELEN MERCURIO

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Helen's so happy and so eager to share it.

#### MARK McLAUGHLIN

B.S.I. Director, Junior Prom Committee, Band.

The silver voice of our P.A. System and the "Gabriel" of our band.

#### JOAN MILLER

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Veritas Vincit, B.S.I., Treasurer of Junior Class, Junior Prom Ticket Committee, Usher at Baccalaureate '44.

There's so much about Joan we could say,
We'll state it simply if we may:
Personality plus popularity,
Don't you agree?

# LOIS MILLER

Orchestra Committee for Senior Ball, B.S.I., Jr. Red Cross President, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Basketball, Student Council '43, '44, Ticket Committee for Junior Prom.

Sprechen Sie deutch? ¿Habla Vd. Español? Parlez-vous francais? Well—Lois does.

#### RITA MOSTER

Something makes our jealous eyes cling
To that sparkling new engagement ring.
She's very nice, we think—what's more
She's the girl "he's" fighting for.

#### VIRGINIA MUELLER

Student Council, Dramatics, Jr. Red Cross, Veritas Vincit, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, B.S.I., Roman Forum, Junior Prom Decoration Committee, Senior Ring Committee.

Ginia: "Waite for me!"

#### KENNETH MUNNEY

Junior Prom Decoration Committee, Usher Commencement '44.

When the days get bright and sunny,
A summer suit is worth your money;
On the level, this isn't funny,
Come to Simpkins and see Ken Munney.

















#### ELSA NITTKA

Home Ec. Club, Library Council.

No wonder the wolves are all scared, The Girl Scout motto is "Be prepared."

#### NICHOLAS O'CONNELL

Senior Ring Committee, Senior Ball Committee, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Senior Record Hop Committee, War Stamp Collector, B.S.I., Slingerland.

When the moon shines bright in the dead of night, You will always find Nick there with the light.

#### DAVID O'CONNOR

A pair of shoes? Some lovely hose? Try at Things, Our "Dave" knows.

#### ELIZABETH ANN OUTTRIM

B.S.I., Library Council, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Junior Prom Committee.

We would be corny and call her "Red," But we call her Bettyann instead.

#### VIRGINIA OWENS

Jr. Red Cross, Senior Ball Committee.

This gal is on the side of Fate; She always just misses being late.

#### ANTHONY PAGE

Football, Intramural Basketball.

Buzz has a life membership in the wolf patrol!



#### RONALD POWERS

Basketball, Baseball, Senior Ball.

Basketball star— Irishman, too— Ronnie boy, We're for you!

# JOANNE PLUNKETT

Jr. Red Cross, Red Cross Representative, Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

"Say, Beana, we like your sweater, but isn't it "Itchy?"



#### RAY PRITCHARD

The halls of dear old R.F.A. Will miss him more and more; But he's got Marge and other things To keep on fighting for.

#### BETTY A. PEER

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Basketball.

Where'd you get those peepers, "Peep?"



#### HELEN PYCIOR

A "pitcher" brimming over with good spirits.

# LOIS PEAL

Stamp Salesman, Gym Leader, Archery Club, Library Council.

"Snookums" is the personfication of the phrase "Happy go lucky!"



# BRUCE RACHA

Track.

Bruce is quiet in the classroom, He is quiet in the hall; But when it comes to hunting, Bruce is really on the ball.

# HELEN PICKARD

Jr. Red Cross, Archery Club, Gym Leader, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

All through school, she's been a swell gal, Here's wishing success to our true pal.



#### HARLOW RASHA

Harlow has a car You can see from afar!

#### JOANNE RASMUSSEN

Basketball.

Cute as ever, she's always seen Idolizing her handsome Marine.

#### J. BERNARD REAL

Usher Commencement '44, Senior Ball Committee, War Stamp Salesman, Projection Club, Slingerland, Roman Forum.

Bernard sold stamps and bonds with a diligence which lost him a new hat.

#### HARRY F. RICE, JR.

Hi-Y President '44, Student Council, Treasurer Spanish Club, Projection Club, Hi-Y Albany Assembly, Track, Swimming Team, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Intermural Basketball.

Handsome Harry has 'em all in a whirl, Too bad he can't decide on just one girl!

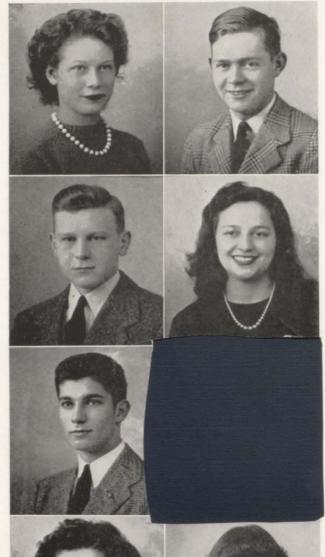
#### GRETA RIZIO

Silence is more eloquent than words.

#### NANCY ROBERTS

Red Cross Representative.

She's the royal queen of Triangle, A better one couldn't be found.



# THOMAS ROBERTS

Projection Club.

If it's fortune you're seeking, Ask Tom; he'll direct you to the nearest punch board.

# ANTOINETTE ROBBOTTINI

Her shiny black hair is the envy of all, She's a peach of a gal, though not very tall.

#### ETHEL ROGERS

When you see Ethel you never fail To see also a certain male.





#### MARGARET ROLLETTA

Veritas Vincit, Student Council, Assembly Committee.

She's witty and clever, And chock full of fun; A gal well worth knowing Who never misses a pun.

#### ROBERT ROSEN

Stamp Salesman.

Let's have a song, Bob—
"O.K. The Shiek?" Remember the old snow-shoveling days?

#### IRENE ROSER

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, Red Cross Representative, Stamp Salesman, Gym Leader.

We will remember Irene for her quiet and reserved manner.

#### MARCELINE ROTH

You never have to tease or coax To make "Marce" tell some corny jokes.

#### NANCY RUNG

Veritas Vincit, Roman Forum, Jr. Red Cross, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, Christmas Play, Junior Prom Committee, Senior Ball Committee, B.S.I.

Whoopee! Here's fun, pep, determination. Life's never dull—there's too much to do—and we've seen her do it!

#### PETER RUNG

Hi-Y, Vice President of Sophomore Class.

The sax is his hobby, Hilda is his girl, And between the two, Pete's always in a whirl.

# VIVIAN RUSHFORD

Pompadour, page boy or a chignon curl— If you want one of these then "Viv" is your girl.



#### ADAM RUTZ

He's ready, willing and free, And usually busy as a bee.

#### MARJORIE SAKER

Marjorie is quiet But always sweet.

#### JAMES SABIN

"Sailing, sailing over the bounding main."

#### TOM SALISBURY

He'd like to own a string of farms And hold a tractor in his arms.

#### ANTHONY P. SALVAGGIO

He doesn't say much—we don't know why, Neither do we know why we like this guy.

#### THERESA SBARAGLIA

Home Ec. Club, Basketball, Archery Club.

"Butch" and basketball go





# IRENE SIKORA Her quiet ways make her a welcome addition to any classroom.

NICHOLAS SERRANI

Basketball '43, '44, '45.

Nick's known to his friends as "Zoot"; He hasn't wasted his time in Utica with the Utes. (Namely "Elly")

#### ERIKA SCHINN

Archery Club, Library Council.

Quiet and unassuming, Yet of purpose steady and true; She can hold her own among us, And surpass most of us too.

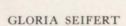
# FRAN SCHRADER

No one wants to take a nap, When he can see our Franny tap.



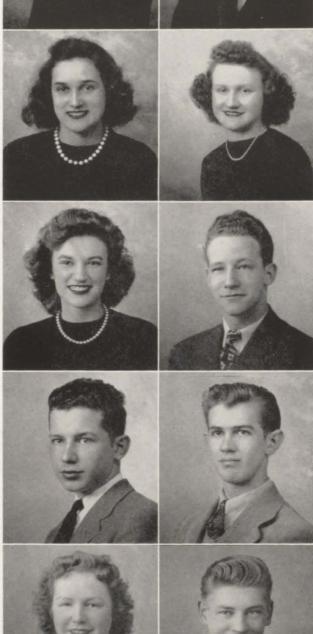
Hi-Y Basketball.

Want some gas? Ask Jr. Sears; All he can give you is crocodile tears.



Stamp Collector, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Archery, Senior Class Registration, Representative for Home Room Book Drive.

Here's our pretty choice for "All-American Farmer's Daughter."



# JOSEPH SHERMAN

President Senior Class, President Junior Class, Sophomore Home Room Treasurer, Chairman Senior Ring Committee, Slingerland, Junior Rotarian, Intramural Basketball, American Legion Boys' State, Boxing.

When warm weather stops the freeze, You'll find this man of activities Up on Madison, late at night, Hard at work with club and light.

#### CHARLES SILLIMAN

Band, Chorus.

When Charles reaches the Promised Land, He'll find his place in the Celestial Band.

#### EDWARD SKIBITSKI

Things may come and things may go Along life's winding river, But get me out of Physics Class And I'll be content forever.

#### MARY ANN SKOROBOGATY

Library Council, Junior Secretary, Red Cross Representative, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff '44, '45, Dramatics, Senior Ring Committee.

The "Rhythm Masters" will miss you, R.F.A. will too; Here's wishing you success In everything you do.

#### BEVERLY SMITH

Red Cross Representative, Jr. Red Cross.

Beverly had a handsome man Who joined the Navy for Uncle Sam; And everything that Bev has said Is all about her clever "Ed."

#### HOWARD SMITH

"Dutch" can't understand why they won't let him sleep in class.

#### KATHERINE SMITH

Basketball.

Don't let Katherine's silence fool you;
Break down her reserve and—?

#### PATRICIA SOELLNER

President of Student Association, National Honor Society, Secretary of Sophomore Class, Chairman of Assembly Committee, Archery Club, Veritas Vincit, Student Association Membership Drive, War Stamp Collector, B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Jr. Prom Commitmittee, Red Cross Representative, Davis Essay Contestant.

Active, cute, and full of fun, In school she acted sprightly; And now she's out upon her own, We'll miss her more than slightly.















#### JOHN SAVAK

Quality not quantity is his measure.

#### ELIZABETH SPINK

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Stamp Collector, Basketball, Jr. Red Cross.

The year's at the spring,
The day's at the morn;
Betty hasn't got her English done
And she wishes that she never was
born.

#### WILLIAM STAHLBERGER

Basketball Manager '43, '44, Track, Football, Roman Forum, Christmas Play.

We were all stunned to see Bill's measurements for his cap and gown— He's R.F.A.'s answer to the man shortage. And what about Boonville?

#### NANCY STOLO

Jr. Red Cross.

Over men or life she never grieves; She can find clovers with four leaves.

#### EVELYN STOVALL

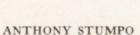
Jr. Red Cross, Archery Club.

Her head's filled with knowledge; She wears a grand smile; She'll win honors at college; Keep her name in your file.

#### GILBERT STOVALL

Red Cross Representative.

That this gay guy is a C.A.P.C. we have no doubt, He looks as happy in uniform as he does out!



Listen, my children, And you shall hear; "Stump" on the jump, C'mon, lend an ear!

#### GLADYS SWINNEY

Her quiet blue eyes, Make her Jimmy's prize.

#### NORMAN SWINNEY

Dramatics, Senior Ball\_Committee, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff.

Here's a scholastic example for every soph; Try to equal that of "Prof."

#### BERYLE SWEET

Short and "Sweet."



#### MICHAEL SWEREDIUK

We'll total it up to one grand sum; This young lad is downright handsome.

#### LORETTA SZALACH

Who's that tall, dark, serious girl coming down the hall? Can't be Lolly!

#### LENA TAMBURINO

Lena is a jewel among jewels.

#### PHYLLIS SZUR

Basketball.

A big smile and a sense of humor —"Faye."

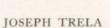
#### ANNA TELESCO

You don't listen to the radio? You don't know the latest dope? Ann works in a news store, Ask her—your only hope!

#### JAMES THOMAS

B.S.I., Student Council.

Jimmy bowls and roller skates; Gladys is the one he dates.



B.S.I., De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Football, Basketball, Treasurer of Senior Class, Student Council, Junior Prom Committee, Senior Ball Committee.

In the sport field he's never idle, And in classes he does his best; Of the female sex he's the idol, And with everyone he passes the test.

#### HELEN TROTZ

Orchestra Committee for Senior Ball.

Her smile and quiet ways make us want to know her better.

#### MARY VACCARO

Who's that cute blonde? Oh, that's Mary Vaccaro.

# PAUL VACCARO

Football

Paul must burn the midnight oil To get such good marks.













#### LOIS VANDERHOOF

Lois is our equestrienne, Galloping over vale and glen; And though she studies many courses, This gal really knows her horses.

#### RUTH VAN WAGENEN

Home Ec. Club.

"A blue eye is a true eye."

#### MADELINE VISCOSI

B.S.I.

Madeline is a studious girl, She is a hard worker; We're sure she will go far Because she is not a shirker.

#### RITA VLASKO

Red Cross War Drive.

Rita likes to talk and talk, And finds so much to say; That she had to speed it up And so she talks that way.

#### PHILOMENA VOLPE

She dances and skates, And never lacks for dates.

#### KATHERINE VON ERTFELDA

Home Ec. Club, Basketball, Senior Ball Committee.

If you have a party, And you find there is a lull; Just call upon our "Katie," And your party won't be dull.

### RAYMOND WAKULIK

Band.

What's the Navy got that the Army hasn't? Why, RAY, of course!

#### SHIRLEY WALLER

De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Basketball.

Red hair, Nice smile, Sweet girl, All the while!

## BETTY WARDWELL

Veritas Vincit President '45, Roman Forum, Senior Ball Committee, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Cheerleader, Junior Prom Committee, Assembly Committee, Dramatics.

Betty is THE Powers model.

#### JUNE WEST

Bing Crosby couldn't have heard of our jockey yet. How about it, June?













#### SHELLEY WETMORE

Most gentlemen prefer blondes but not Shelley!

#### JAMES WHITMEYER

Red Cross, Projection Club.

Find a blonde with shapely limb, Then find Jim; that's for him.

#### BETTE WHITTAKER

Here's a cute girl and a good skate—in more ways than one.

#### BRUCE WIGHTMAN

Hi-Y, Football, Baseball, Intermural Basketball, Student Council, Projection Club, Red Cross Dances.

A man of much ability, A man of much renown; And when he's seen among the girls, You never see a frown.

# BARBARA WILLIAMS

Roman Forum, Cheerleader, Head Cheerleader '45, Junior De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Veritas Vincit, Inter-Club Council, Junior Prom Committee, Gym Leader, Secretary of Athletic Council, Stamp Salesman.

Says Barb, "Clap hands! Let's give a loud cheer!" She does a nice job and yet we hear Her best cheers are for a handsome gob, Who is better known to us as Bob.

#### MILDRED WILLIAMS

In basketball—just watch her speed; Her heart is "his"—Men? Them she pays no heed.

## ERVIN WITHEY

Dramatics, Junior Prom Committee, A Cappela Choir, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Senior Ball Committee, Intramural Basketball.

Oh, Bud is in the orchestra, He's almost in the war; So play your pipe, boy, good and loud Before you can't no more.

#### HELEN YAWORSKI

Basketball, De-O-Wain-Sta Staff, Jr. Red Cross, Dramatics.

She'll make some man a perfect wife, 'Cause she gets such a kick out of life.



#### ROGER YUTZLER

Hi-Y, Intermural Basketball, Spanish Club.

Roger the lodger's the women's ideal! They all agree he has great appeal.

#### NINA ZACCARDI

Library Council, Senior Ball, Decoration Committee.

Here's wishing you success, Nina, because we like you a lot and know you deserve it.

# WILLIAM ZINGERLINE, JR.

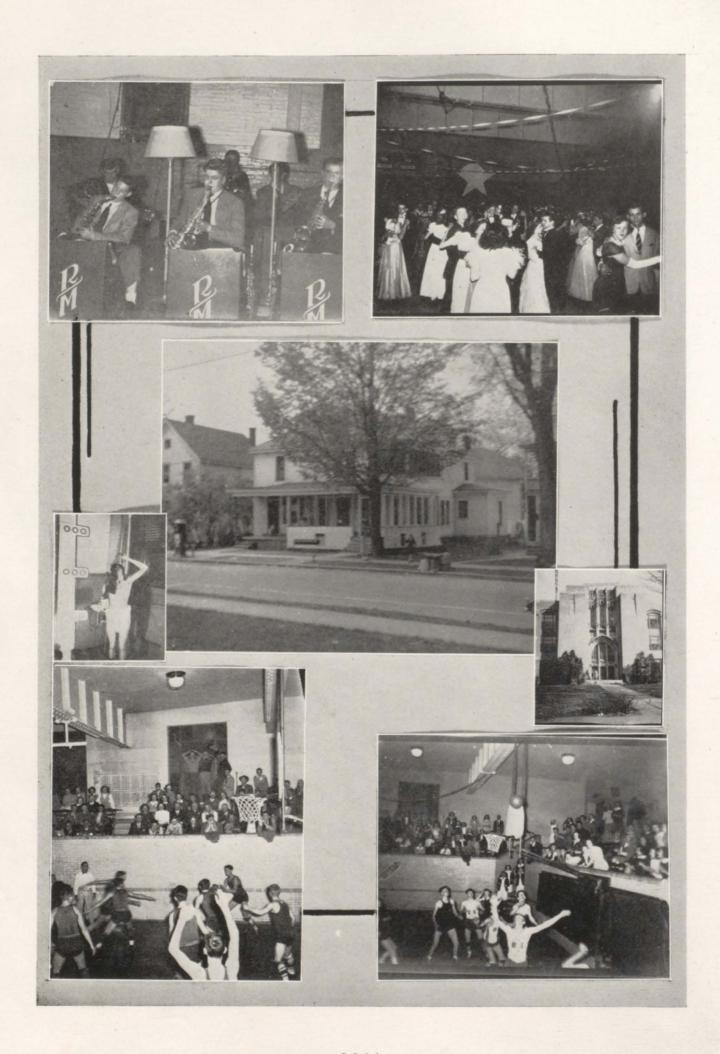
Commencement Usher '44, Senior Ball Committee, War Stamp Salesman, Stage Manager, Junior Prom Committee.

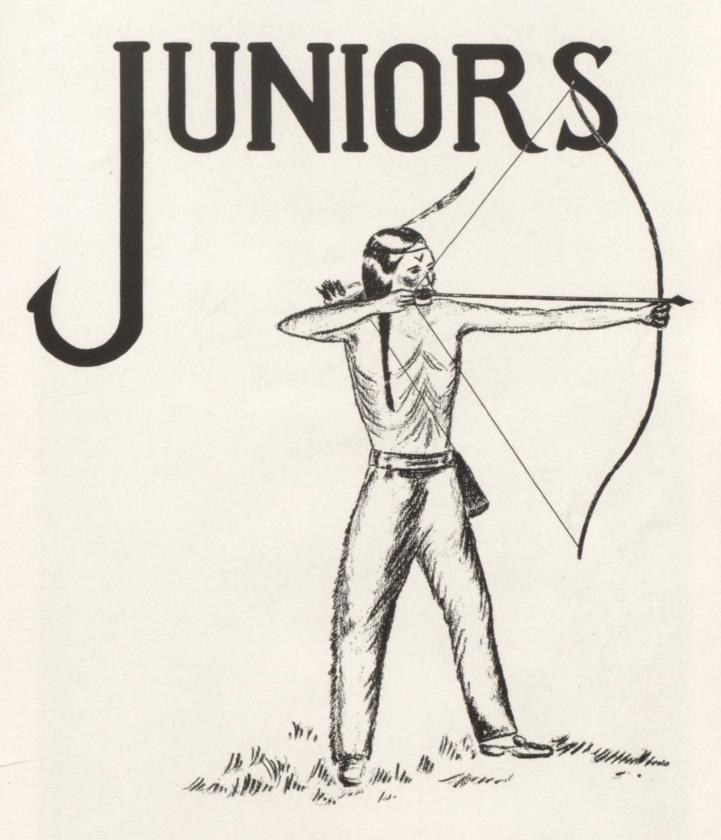
Behold a man, they call him Zing, Behind the scenes he pulls the string.

# Honor Students

Class of 1945

Sophie Duda, Valedictorian97.04	Patricia Soellner
Harry Rice, Jr., Salutatorian95.14	Norman Swinney
Erika Schinn	Joseph Fall
Virginia Mueller	Cathleen Luczynski91.15
Doris Smith	Domenica Grieco
Georgia Gerwig	Joan Fidler
Mary Ann Skorobogaty	Rosemary Clarabut90.00
William Fedrick	Shirley Engelbert
Nancy Rung	Ian Marwick
Bernard Real	Lois Miller
Mark McLaughlin 92.14	Antoinette Robbottini 90.00
Joan Burns	





# JUNIOR OFFICERS

President					Michael Greci
Vice-Presiden	nt				Robert Harris
Secretary					Martha Murphy
Treasurer					Frank Demski
Advisers			Mr.	Atkinso	n and Mr. Pelkey

Mr. Atkinson, for a number of years adviser of the junior class, has left us for enterprises other than teaching. The junior class of Rome Free Academy wishes to thank him for his help to them and to all the previous junior classes.

To Mr. Atkinson, we say, "Thanks."

MICHAEL GRECI,

President Junior Class.



From top to bottom-Rooms 4 and 5













# Junior Names by Home Rooms

### HOME ROOM 4

- First row: Marjorie McLaughlin, Lena Acquino, Grace Summa, Ida Coia, Donald Burkhart, Charlotte Parsons, Theresa Spohn, Shirley Workman, Jean Smith.
- Second row: Ruth Brown, Margaret Quattrocchi, Angeline Lombardo, Lillian Rossi, Marcella Byrnes, Amelia Parry, Julia Merola, Dorothy Merola, Phyllis Centro.
- Third row: Isabel Cascarella, Betty Armstrong, Marshall Denison, Leonard Summa, Joseph Semenuk, Frank Cornish, William Simon, Pauline Semaniuk, Jean McNeil.

#### HOME ROOM 5

- First row: Joan Hartson, Mary Fahndrich, Joyce Pierce, Gloria Sinclair, Frank Demski, Dorothy Bauerle, Mary Campanaro, Mary Bodnar, Ruby Flint.
- Second row: Shirley Campbell, Dorothy Aikens, Fay Longtin, Alida Carpenter, Vincenza Carnebianca, June Ann Caraher, Doris Barone, Yolanda Barone, Selma Calicchia.
- Third row: Eleanor Fox, Victoria Schneible, Ronald Bandy, Dillard Sims, Elgin Austin, Robert Stafford, Helen Yakobiszyn, Marian Alyward.

### HOME ROOM 20

- First row: Ian Marwick, Roger Yutzler, Josephine Gamasta, Marjorie Flamig, Gregory Patala, Joyce Greggains, Rita Richards, Stanley Baldigo, Dick Rolston.
- Second row: David O'Connor, Elvira Lattanzio, Dorothea Jones, Marian Wellman, Norma Vitale, Delores Occhionero, Jane Bosley, Wiley Tooke, Peter Rung, Romeo Cecilia.
- Third row: Richard De Lutis, Jack Olney, Robert Secor, Bruce Wightman, Edward Fenton, Paul Yager, Elmer Washburn, James Whitmeyer.

### HOME ROOM 34

- First row: Arthur Hoag, Mary Emeterio, Beatrice Catalano, Marjorie Gilbert, Elaine Goldman, Nathaline Grasso, Rose Marie Brewary, Josephine Felardo, Vincent Grande.
- Second row: Esther Draper, Antoinette Boffi, Jean Fortunato, Marie Douglas, Carolyn Dunn, Phyllis Bostwick, Rosemary Beeching, Marjorie Boone, Jeanette Gomolski, Oscar Golden.
- Third row: Josephine De Mario, Domenica Colasanti, Michael Greci, Bob Harris, Jack Houser, Orlando Illi, Arthur Iodice, Gilda Ciamponi, Patricia Frank.

# Junior Names by Home Rooms

# HOME ROOM 35

- First row: Philomena Comito, Catherine Colangelo, Mary Calandra, Ellen McAllister, Angeline Gulla, Mary Clark, Sydell Lichtstrahl.
- Second row: Helen Hornbeck, Edythe Kelleher, Marion Kriel, Marilyn Wind, Janet Kasby, Joan Harrison, Ruth Hurlbut, Thelma Coluccio, Alice Buczek.
- Third row: Laurence Lombardo, Howard Kimpton, Jack Leffert, Roger Looft, Jim Lowerre, Frank Mirarchi, Mary McCauley.

### HOME ROOM 37

- First row: William Maxted, Louise Meurer, Josephine Mroz, Mary Mikitin, Martha Murphy, Marjorie Murphy, Lucy Delvecchio, Albert McGuire.
- Second row: Stuart Clydesdale, Mary Grace Morris, Beverly Nessel, Lena Calicchia, Eleanor Nelson, Betty Suplita, Assunta Messineo, Jennie Messineo, Rose Natalie.
- Third row: Don McLoughlin, Gaetano Nasci, Robert Matteson, Mariano Cimo, John Mosca, Charles Mowry, George Mani, Miguel Martin, Anthony DePalma.

#### HOME ROOM 39

- First row: Edward Race, Pat Schoff, Jacqueline Levinson, Eleanor Sharpe, Mary Russell, Joanna Salamonowicz, Dolores Pettinelli, Jean Sestito, Anthony Coniglio.
- Second row: Dorothy Ottaway, Leona Oschowski, Dolores Readinger, Gloria Saurini, Dolores Ross, Jean Rosati, Diane Pupa, Susanne Etling, Jim Russell.
- Third row: Sam Schroeder, Hugh Phillip, Norman Roe, Yarby Rowland, Keith Peckins, Geno Rossi, Milo Fahy, Howard Pritchard, Adolf DeCosmo.

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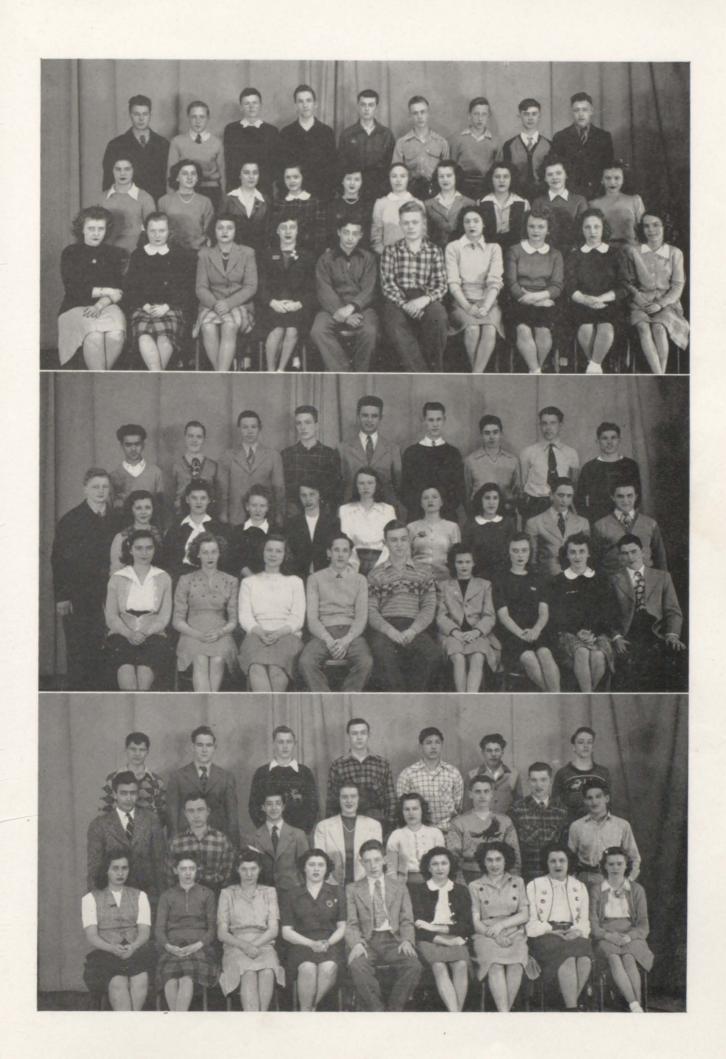
- First row: Robert Smith, Shirley TaVerna, Elizabeth York, Florence Spadafora, Mary Jane Sontheimer, Marilyn Wunsch, Marjorie Thompson, Marie Vella, Albert Ferlo.
- Second row: Walter Wlodarczyk, Dorothy Zak, Flora Smith, Gertrude Smith, Rosemarie Staniszewski, Martin Tuttle, Mary Tyler, Rose Trembeth, Leona Theall, Carmen Scuderi, Arthur Semo.
- Third row: Donald Windrath, Jack Abbott, Arnold Williams, Bob Ahles, William Walker, Pierce Goldberg, Bob Hawkins, Tom Schuster, Leonard Glasso, Leonard Wojdyla.



### SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

President				Josephine Tardugno
Vice-Preside	ent			. Frank Frasca
Secretary				Vincent Petrucci
Treasurer				Frank Cianchetti
Adviser				. Miss Clarke









CLASS OF 1948









# Sophomore Names by Home Rooms

#### ROOM 1

- Row 1: Virginia Anken, Muriel Adey, Marian Barnick, Erwin Annis, George Beasley, Nancy Burgess, Antoinette Czajkowski, Pauline Butynsky.
- Row 2: Gloria Bravo, Ann Bell, Margaret Barnard, Delores Barber, Mary Barrett, Arcenia Collins, Marie Alder, Myrta Bissell, Jeanette Bowers, Marie Bowman.
- Row 3: Frank Cianchetti, Joe Casadie, Roderick Burris, Carl Bachman, Everett Call, Paul Catricala, Dick Beckwith, William Colburn, Henry Ciaralli, Craig Brush.

#### ROOM 2

- Row 1: Louis Corigliano, Carl Fahndrich, Joe Fragapane, Larry Doyle, Durwood Creed, Roderick Freeman.
- Row 2: Eleanor DeLutis, Margaret Jones, Ann Evans, Anne Davies, Frank Frasca, Jean Eldridge, Anna Izzo, Grace Grifasi.
- Row 3: Margaret Flanigan, Joyce Dunn, Betty Jane Emerson, Doralene Fritz, Lois Groff, Licia Golden, Aristine Grower, Gloria Izzo, Robert Drake, Charles Fowler, Jerome Davis, Walter Dublanica, Leonard Davies, Clarence Galloway, Dan Cretaro, Anthony Combapiano, Ronald Henderson.

### ROOM 9

- Row 1: Mary Mizgala, Jennie Lomando, Francis Gaurin, Jane MacFarlane, Shirley Jones, Norman Hughes, Dorothy Jeffers, Adaline Montopoli, Diane Larkin, Rose Mercurio.
- Row 2: Stanley Gawarek, Ellen Mekkleson, Eleanor Holody, Josephine Lomando, Joyce Myles, Marian Helmer, Hannah Lauber, Rose Mezza, Marguerite Laumeister, Bill Jones.
- Row 3: Elmer Kutsko, Francis Gorbacz, Joseph Gowarek, Dick Hornbeck, John Hamilton, Rodger Kraut, Virgil Gardinier, John Gattari, Jack Brown.

#### ROOM 10

- Row 1: Rosalind Newton, Eula Owens, Joan Ritzel, Gretta Richardson, Joseph Lamascola, Dick Looft, Josephine Perry, Margaret Narehood, Barbara Henley, Blanche Palliwadi.
- Row 2: Evelyn Pawlikowski, Marion Rudd, Patty Lou Neal, Sylvia Rudd, Phyllis Pagliaroli, Shirley Riegler, Jean Reczek, Jessie Pereto, Stella Lewandrowski, Josephine Reszetnik.
- Row 3: James Miller, Joseph Lopuszynski, Tom McCarthy, Bill Keating, Frank Loreto, Russell McCann, Harvey Cline, Edward Long, Charles Lamb.

#### ROOM 26

- Row 1: Helen Allen, Louella Ladeaux, Faith Powers, Barry Gibbs, Jack Kahler, Thelma Golden, Pat Medick, Mary Ann Bovi, Raymond Bowers.
- Row 2: Fred Borissow, Jacqueline Camadine, Phyllis Gifford, Mary Wermuth, Sally Grems, Dorothy Brown, Margaret Cascarella, Rose Fontana, Dominick Lombino, Angelo Ceci.
- Row 3: Dominick Badalato, Herman Lutz, Ambrose Kulisz, Bob Lawler, Russell Mandryk, Bill Brown, Frank Marasco, Jack Martin, George Kopchick.

### ROOM 27

- Row 1: Jean Strange, Margaret Dunn, Jane Waterman, Betty Ann Smith, Bill Olney, Olga Raulli, Lucille Rolletta, Katherine DeSimone, Alma Rapke.
- Row 2: James Tuttle, Sam D'Ambrosi, Frank Rico, Arlene Taylor, Ann Skubisz, Kenneth Pace, Walter Von Matt, Joseph Perri.
- Row 3: Alex Conti, Charles Withey, Dick Edwards, Ralph Traxel, Robert Totaro, Gaetano Filoso, Enrico DeSantis.

# Sophomore Names by Home Rooms

#### ROOM 31

- Row 1: Louis Risucci, Ruth Smaldon, Beverly Salisbury, Elizabeth Smith, Audrey Staple, Emily Russell, Anna Scuderi, Evelyn Smith, Gordon Owens.
- Row 2: Carmen Natalie, Jane Skwarek, Mary Steele, Lila Seifert, Helen Santoro, Sophia Semaniuk, Mary Slowinski, Gilda Stirpe, Charles Peterpaul.
- Row 3: Ralph Mantelli, Walter Rapke, Ted Prossner, David Richards, Vincent Petrucci, Henry Paprocki.

## ROOM 36

- Row 1: Marion St. Thomas, Beverly Trembeth, Marjorie Williams, Josephine Tardugno, Craig Williams, (on floor) James Stovall, Grace Tredo, Jeanne TaVerna, Alice Wills, Dorothy Travitz.
- Row 2: Stanley Weigel, Lucretia Tully, Betty Richards, Victoria Szur, Herminia VanEde, Virginia Szatkowski, Betty Veway, Arlene Simonsen, Elsie Twitchell, John Warner.
- Row 3: Vito Sparace, Clarence Rose, Pasquale Touten, Francis Skibitski, Dick Rung, Rinaldo Vero, Neil Wightman, John Tooke, Kenneth Williams, Robert Zieman.

#### ROOM 6

- Row 1: Jean D'Ambrosi, Joan Close, Barbara Bazell, Lois Flanders, Nancy Farmer, Marilyn Clippinger, Shirley Cole, Mary Dunham.
- Row 2: Edward Burk, Lucy DeCosmo, Rosina Fiordiliso, Mary Fusco, Rose Comis, Betty Clouser, Beverly Blood, Frances Bohojckek, Anthony Baldini.
- Row 3: Louis Campanaro, Joseph Ali, Richard Debo, Neil Atkinson, Duane Agans, Welcome Carpenter, Jack Denison, Joseph Bien.

#### ROOM 8

- Row 1: Rudy Filippini, Pasqualina Insogna, Laura Olin, Theresa Kirk, Marie Matrassi, Gerald Garofalo, Nancy Kahler, Marjorie Jones, Dorothy Gibbs, Charles Gullo.
- Row 2: Francis Edick, Joseph DiMatteo, Sally Munoz, Noreen Mayo, Nancy Lints, Marilyn Groff, Shirley Jones, Delores Lerman, Anthony Fragapane, Raymond Rossi.
- Row 3: Raymond Ingals, Arthur Rudd, Thomas Hough, Thomas Rudd, Charles Hall, Dale Jones, Frances Hamela, Warren Hall, Thomas Heburn.

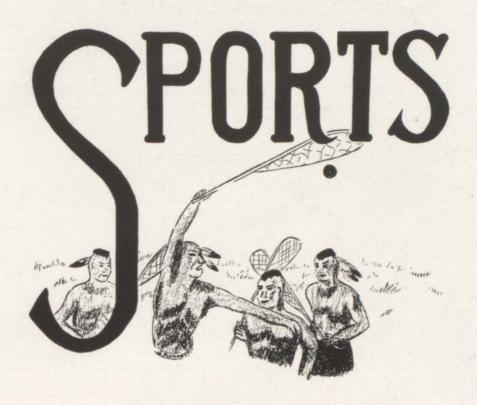
### ROOM 21

- Row 1: Willard Money, John Kicak, Dorothy Saker, Marian Quackenbush, John Lunn, Mary Proia, Sarah Pacenza, Jack Parsons, Norman Lince.
- Row 2: Christine Palmon, Gloria Pettinelli, Marilyn Hamilton, Gloria Pomento, Joan Powell, Hedy Wuthrick, Anna Santora, Suzanna Puglio, Doris Rapke, Phoebe Ryan, Carmella Peroni.
- Row 3: Dominick Longo, Anthony Storace, Donald Wamby, Bernard Secor, David McMahon, William Lopushinsky, Winslow Pierce, James O'Neill, Paul Pomilio, Frank Parry.

### ROOM 32

- Row 1: Anthony Vagnoni, Stefi Wakulik, Joan Strong, Dominick Summa, Rose Marie Savina, Carmella Viscosi, Lois Van Wagenen, Ann Smith, Jack Staple.
- Row 2: Charles Sasso, Pauline Swerdan, Jeanne Scribner, Clara Zarno, Nancy Stooks, Estella Sherman, Betty Ann Stanton, Carolyn Stoodley, Joyce Smith, Donald Whitney.
- Row 3: Jack Schmandt, Edward Zionc, Albert Touten, Anthony Voci, Alex Roletta, Charles Race, Donald Spellicy.





# **Football**

When September rolled around this school year, and the football fever caught everyone, R. F. A. was preparing to enter its 54th football season. This year we had three home games and four out of town. So with a new coach, Charlie Edkins; a new style, T formation; new men, R. A. F.'s best; and a few weeks' of practice, we were ready to tackle our first opponent—the strong Norwich team.

#### NORWICH 13 - R. F. A. 0

The home team made a good impression on the field and under the lights of Colonel's Park against the heavier and more experienced Norwich team. Though outplayed in the first half, we came back strong in the second half, holding them scoreless and threatening once when a pass play put us inside their 25-yard line. Joe Graziano sparked on the line while Captain Eddie Sezna shone in the punting department.

#### AUBURN 13 - R. F. A. 6

Tied 6-6, the outclassed Rome eleven was beaten by a lucky break that went for Auburn's second touchdown with less than two minutes left to play. Mike Greci and Bob Curley were outstanding on our defense, while Ed Sezna's passing and Jack Abbott sparked our offense.

## MOUNT PLEASANT 0 — R. F. A. 13

A soggy rain-soaked field welcomed the Academy gridders at Schenectady and both teams fought on even terms during the first half of the game. In the second half, Ed Sezna and Walt Kulisz tore off two long runs to ring up two tallies for our side, with a pass to Joe Trela for the extra point. So with one victory and two defeats, we were set for another road game with Watertown.

# Football---Continued

## WATERTOWN 13 - R. F. A. 6

With Dick Guisinger and Mike Greci injured and out the greater part of the game, our defenses lapsed in the last 60 seconds of play and Watertown scored on a pass to break the 6-6 deadlock.

### PROCTOR 6 - R. F. A. 19

In the first minute of play, Captain Ed Sezna piloted the Rome team to a touchdown. Stunned, the heavy Proctor team did not recover and we scored twice more before Proctor got its lone touchdown of the game in the last minute of play.

### UTICA 0 - R. F. A. 12

With three defeats and two victories now tucked under our belts, the no longer "green" team was ready for the traditional game with Utica Free Academy. Playing on a soggy field but without rain, R. F. A. settled down for a rough and tough game, but used the airlanes for scoring their two touchdowns, giving Coach Charles Edkins a win over Ken Edkins, the Utica coach. The game was hard going all the way, with frequent punting on both sides. Ed Sezna's punting highlighted the day, along with Greg Patala's smooth passing, and the rough work of the linemen who were there to open the holes needed for that big pile of yardage and those shining touchdowns.

### LITTLE FALLS 20 - R. F. A. 0

After its victory over Utica, the team must have gotten a little overconfident for its meeting with Little Falls, because, as the score shows, Little Falls was the better team. Our team, as a whole, had a hard time trying to stop the heavier and determined Falls team, and only threatened once in the second quarter when we were deep in Falls territory. So winding up the season with a defeat by a team which went undefeated through the whole season, Rome's grid men hung up their uniforms until next season.

Looking back over the season, the teams we played were the toughest Coach Edkins could find to break in his green—but eager footballers. So in the record go three wins and four losses. This year's team was the first team in 13 years to lose four games in one season; but with the high spirit of the boys, a new style of play with which to work and a coach that knows his football and teaches it, next year's team should have better luck—with more experienced boys on the team. We of this year's football team wish the next team luck—and a lot of touchdowns.

# FOOTBALL TEAM EDWARD SEZNA, Captain

Joseph Trela, William Walker, Joseph Graziano, Frank Demski, Michael Orbinatti, James Lowerre, Robert Curley, Gregory Patala, Chester Szmurlo, Walter Kulisz, Kenneth Pace, Robert Kolhepp, Douglas Keller, Bruce Wightman, Michael Greci, Richard Guisinger, Carl Calnero, Joseph Casadei, Gus Guida, Jack Abbott, Donald Smith, Norman Ghisalbert, Samuel D'Ambrosi, Pat Curley, Leonas LeFevre, William Stahlberger, Armando Nigro, Angelo Ceci, Dominick Summa, Samuel Schroeder, Raymond Heilig, Robert Totaro, Robert Harris, Jack Leffert, Joseph DeMatteo, Rudolph Filippini, Enrico DeSantis, Joseph Perri, James Perry, Frank Frasca, Raymond Vaccaro, Anthony Cicotti, Frank Morasco, Richard Page.

Manager, Wylie Tooke; Assistant Managers, Craig Williams, Jack Tooke.



First row: Mart Tuttle, Eddie Fenton, Captain Joseph Graziano, Dick Rung, Carl Calnero. Second row: Donald "Booty" Smith, Mike Greci, Ronald Powers, Robert Secor, Barry Gibbs.

# Basketball

Although the basketball season was a little one sided, this year's team was in there fighting every minute. With only one holdover from last year, our boys had a fairly good edge on most of their opponents in height, with four men over six feet tall, but lacked speed. Meeting opponents more experienced in clever ball handling, our team was sometimes at a loss.

We were invited to Watertown to play in a tournament and got as far as the semi-finals when the tired and outplayed boys bowed to U.F.A., losing by a fair margin.

All in all it was a good season. Everyone had fun and, most of all, a lot of experience was gained for next year. So to next year's team we wish the best of luck and a good season.

The four top scorers for the season were:

Martin Tuttle			*					4.								229	points
Dick Rung .		×														135	points
Ed Fenton				*	*	¥	*		į.		4			,		127	points
Carl Calnero	*												-		,	109	points

## 1944-45 Schedule

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## SWIMMING TEAM

Rome Free Academy's aquatic aces formally inaugurated swimming as a sport in this school by placing third in the sectional meet.

Seated: Hugh Philipp, Harry Rice, Joe Graziano, Frank Mirarchi, Don Windrath. Standing: Jack Abbott, Tom Kane, Dick Rung, Richard Billings, Jack Kane.



HOCKEY

Our Hockey team has been undefeated this year and they deserve our praise.

First Row: Charles Beeching, David McMahon, Joseph Casadie, Richard McMahon, Richard Rolston, Don-

ald Smith, Floyd Flint.

Second Row: Norman Ghisalbert, Ted Philipp, Robert Curley, Gregory Patala, Jack Abbott, Thomas Broderick, Dominick Summa, Mr. Pendleton, Coach.



# Archery Club

The Archery Club is a group of girls who want to learn about and practice this popular sport.

First Row: Gloria Seifert, June Ann Caraher, Marjorie Thompson, Marjorie Murphy, Dorothy Jeffers, Betty Emerson, Beverly Nessel, Delores Cataldo, Josephine Gamasta, Jane Kahler, Elsie Twitchell.

Second Row: Elizabeth Smith, Domenica Colasanti, Jenny LaGatta, Shirley Berman, Josephine Tardugno, Treasurer, Angeline Calandra, Secretary, Mary Russell, President, Mary Calandra, Mary LoRusso, Rose Mezza, Nathaline Grasso.

Third Row: Dorothy Ottoway, Margaret Barnard, Shirley Jones, Muriel Karlen, Amelia Parry, Jenny Fontana, Sophie Semenuk, Miss Whittaker, Hannah Lauber, Elvira Fauci, Lois Peal, Joan Harrison, Alice Buczek, Betty Veway.

Fourth Row: Marie Alder, Virginia Szatkoski, Vincenzia Carnebianca, Ruth Brown, Helen Pickard, Patricia Schoff, Lois Groff, Mary Lou Fisher, Dorothy Brown, Marcella Byrnes, Hermina Van Ede, Ann Bell, Eleanor Fox, Emily Russell, Mary Steele, Sylvia Rudd.

Additional Members: Mary Bove, Mildred Huntress, Theresa Sbaraglia.



Rome Free Academy's Bloomer Girls of 1945

# Girls' Basketball

First Row: Betty Armstrong, Mary LoRusso, Nathaline Grasso, Dolores Cataldo, Mary Calandra, June Ann Caraher, Angeline Calandra, Helen Hreczkosij, Lena Acquino.

Second Row: Lois Miller, Barbara Jones, Patricia Frank, Joyce Pierce, Helen Yakobiszyn, Mary Tyler, Marjorie Boone, Jennie LaGatta, Gemma Stellato, Marian Alyward.

Third Row: Thelma Golden, Shirley Waller, Betty Williams, Margaret Narehood, Anna Mae Telesco, Dolores Pettinelli, Dolores Readinger, Joan Harrison, Rosalind Newton, Arcenia Collins, Ida Coia, Rose Natale.

Fourth Row: Joanne Rasmussen, Eleanor Nelson, Angeline Lombardo, Margaret Quattro, Eleanor Fox, Hermina Van Ede, Elizabeth Spink, Fay Longtin, Mary Steele, Elsie Twitchell, Emily Russell, Beverly Bove.

Fifth Row: Jean Fortunato, Phyllis Klara, Cathleen Luczynski, Phyllis Szur, Arlene Simonsen, Rita Richards, Katherine Von Ertfelda, Miss Whittaker.

Additional Members: Doris Clark, Allois Gardner, Clara Hartzog, Sydell Lichestrahl, Antoinette Magliocca, Mary McCauley, Delores Occhionero, Eula Owens, Charlotte Parsons, Betty Peer, Joanne Plunkett, Jeanne Taverna, Marie Vella, Betty Veway.



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Fourth Row: Joseph Trela, William Fielding, William Fedrick, Arthur Goodman, Richard Billings, Harry Rice, Ervin Withey, Nicholas O'Connell, Betty Wardwell, Georgia Gerwig, Joyce Baumler, Patricia Soellner, Joan Miller.

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### STUDENT CABINET

The Student Cabinet is our unicameral legislative body

First Row: Josephine Tardugno, Patricia Soellner, Mr. Whittemore, Mary Russell, Mary Keiser, Rosemary Beeching.

Second Row: Domenica Grieco, Mr. Paige, Miss Kingsley, Donald Smith, Michael Greci.



INTERCLUB COUNCIL

The Interclub Council works to keep clubs functioning and strives for good will among them.

First Row: Dorothea Jones, Mary Russell, Rosemary Beeching, President, Amelia Parry, Secretary, Ruth Brown, Miss Herrman.

Second Row: Miss Whittaker, Miss Kingsley, Mrs. Graves, Miss Vanderpool, Miss Clarke.



# Student Council

These representatives are elected by their fellow-students to fill positions as leaders in R.F.A. and run its government the way the students desire.

First Row: Martha Murphy, Ann Davies, Emily Russell, Miss Clarke, Sophomore Adviser, Patricia Soellner, Mary Russell, Mary Keiser, Miss Kingsley, Senior Class Adviser, Mary Jane Sontheimer, Ellen McAllister.

Second Row: Jean Fraser, Doris Smith, Frank Destito, Dominick Summa, Gerald Garafalo, Romeo Cecelia, Gregory Patala, Mr. Whittemore, Financial Adviser, Craig Williams, Jack Kahler, William Olney, Nathaline Grasso, Barry Gibbs, Lois Flanders.

Third Row: Bruce Wightman, Michael Greci, William Fielding, Richard Billings, Robert Harris, Frank Demski, William Baker, George Beasley, Norman Hughes, Richard Looft.



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Third Row: Craig Brush, Mary Lou Fisher, Lois Miller, Muriel Karlen, Georgia Gerwig, Homer Foster, Jennie Fontana, Amelia Parry, Marcella Byrnes, Dorothea Jones, Joan Fidler.

Fourth Row: Richard Billings, Arthur Goodman, William Walker, James Lowerre, Joe Graziano, Joseph Trela, Pierce Goldberg, Nick O'Connell, Bill Baker.

Absent when picture was taken: Jack Sherman, Miguel Martin, Shirley Gearhart, Joan Graves, Joyce Greggains, Joan Miller.



CHEERLEADERS "Come on, give another Grr-Fight!"

First Row: Shirley Engelbert, Lillian Rossi, Barbara Williams, Joan Domino.

Second Row: LaVerne Davis, Mary Keiser, Betty Wardwell, Georgia Gerwig, Joyce Baumler, Mary Jane Sontheimer.



ROME FREE ACADEMY BAND

The band that plays classical, march, and swing arrangements all with the same ease and quality

First Row: Mary Caldwell, Gwyneth Davies, Peter Rung, Bill Baker, Mark McLaughlin, Leonard Summa, Dick Rung, Stuart Clydesdale, Ervin Withey, Willard Golden.

Second Row: Mr. Feickert, Director, Ted Thrasher, Fred Borissow, Charles Withey, George Beasley, Ralph Traxel, Pierce Goldberg, David Nicholas, William Somers, Dick Hornbeck, Harvey Cline, Neil Wightman, Toby Williams.

Third Row: Mary Clark, Edythe Kelleher, Louise Meurer, Helen Hornbeck, Marvin Simonsen, Ed Alessi, Bill Ritchie, Charles Beeching, Dick McMahon, Frank Miranchi, Bill Baulig, Louis Risucci, Virgil Washburn.

Additional Members: William Peer, David Powers, Alvin Westcott.

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# Junior Red Cross

With the Junior Red Cross it's never a case of "too little, too late."

First Row: Lois Vanderhoof, Shirley Berman, Carolyn Dunn, Mary Jane Sontheimer, Barbara Jones, Nancy Rung, Jean Fraser, Sydell Lichtstrahl, Elaine Goldman.

Second Row: Marilyn Wind, Elizabeth Spink, Nancy Roberts, Grace Summa, Lois Miller, President, La Verne Davis, Treasurer, Domenica Grieco, Joyce Baumler, Ruth Brown, Joan Fidler.

Third Row: Jean Mathis, Amelia Parry, Helen Yaworski, Betty Peer, Barbara Williams, Lillian Rossi, Shirley Engelbert, Muriel Karlen, Miss Clarke, Adviser, Georgia Gerwig, Arleen Taylor, Joan Domino, Martha Murphy, Madeline Viscosi.

Fourth Row: Clara Hartzog, Helen Pickard, Gemma Stellato, Delores Readinger, Jean Bell, Joyce Pierce, Mary Keiser, Josephine DeMario, Mary Lo-Russo, Domenica Colasanti, Jane Kahler, Doris Clark, Marcella Byrnes.

Additional Members: Margie Boone, Cathrine Brown, Betty Clouser, Marie Fazio, Shirley Gearhart, Secretary, Mary Grace Morris, Elsa Nittka, Bettyann Outtrim, Joanne Plunkett, Joanne Rasmussen, Arlene Simonsen, Patricia Soellner.



# Home Economics Club

This is the largest Home Economics Club in New York State, and it has been cited by the national organization.

First Row: Catherine Colangelo, Angeline Gulla, Sydell Lichstrahl, Jeanette Gomolski, Joanna Salamonowicz, Joan Hartson, Mary Ann Bovi.

Second Row: Nathaline Grasso, Joyce Greggains, Josephine De Mario, Treasurer: Mary LoRusso, President; Mrs. Graves, Adviser; Domenica Grieco, Publicity Manager; Amelia Parry, Secretary; Jennie Messineo, Josephine Tardugno, Mary Bodnar.

Third Row: Joyce Pierce, Mary Mikitin, Jennie Fontana, Shirley Groff, Hannah Lauber, Ruth Van Wagenen, Lois Groff, Fay Longtin, Eleanor Fox.

Fourth Row: Lucy Gizzi, Domenica Colasanti, Jean Rosati, Antoinette Boffi, Mary Lou Fisher, Helen Yakabiszyn, Gertrude Smith, Mary Tyler, Mary McCauley, Doris Barone.

Additional Members: Yolanda Barone, Delores Cataldo, Gloria Catricala, Clara Freeman, Ruth Hurlbut, Mary Lentino, Theresa Sbaraglia, Vincenza Carnebianca, Betty O'Connell, June West, Gladys Gromelski, Victoria Schneible, Gemma Stellato.



SPANISH CLUB

Los Habladores (The chatterboxes), a newcomer this year to the clubs of R.F.A.

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First Row: Thomas Schuster, Jennie Messineo, Sydell Lichstrahl, Joan Miller, Erika Schinn, Mary Emeterio.

Second Row: William Walker, Treasurer; Domenica Grieco Secretary; Lois Miller, President; Miss Clarke,
Adviser; Mary LoRusso, Jean Fraser, Elsa Nittka, James Lowerre.

Third Row: Joanne Ierley, Angeline Lombardo, Joan Burns, Joyce Baumler, Dorothea Jones, Rosemary
Beeching, Carolyn Dunn, Rosemarie Staniszewski, Patricia Soellner.

Fourth Row: Harry Rice, Miguel Martin, Robert Secor, Ian Marwick, Keith Peckins, Roger Yutzler, Joseph
Favata, Norman Ghisalbert.

Additional Members: Rosemary Clarabut, Pierce Goldberg, Beverly Jane Hoferd, Howard Kimpton, Albert
Pallas, David McCarthy, Ronald Powers, Dillard Sims, Yarby Rowland, Shelley Wetmore, Marilynn Wunsch.



PROJECTION CLUB

These are the technicians who work tirelessly in the projection booth to give the students of R.F.A. good motion picture programs.

First Row: Albert McGuire, Jr., Vice-president, Rosemary Beeching, Secretary, Carolyn Dunn, Elsie Twitchell, Mr. Pelkey, Adviser, Arlene Simonsen, Lucretia Tully.

Second Row: Robert Matteson, James Whitmeyer, Clarence House, Harry Rice, Ian Marwick, President, Joseph Semenuk, Donald McLoughlin, Charles Race.

Absent: Neil Atkinson, Treasurer.



# Library Council

These girls make up Miss Herrman's "Relief Squad," assisting her in the many jobs that must be done in a school library.

First Row: Domenica Colasanti, Elsa Nittka, Nina Zaccardi, Dorothy Jeffers, Doris Barone, Grace Summa, Lena Aquino.

Second Row: Carolyn Dunn, Rosemary Beeching, Mary Lou Fisher, President, Doris Smith, Vice-president, Miss Herrman, Adviser; Marcella Byrnes, Treasurer; Dorothea Jones, Josephine Gamasta.

Third Row: Eleanor Fox, Edythe Kelleher, Erika Schinn, Elvira Fauci, Lois Peal, Jean Bell, Myrta Bissell, Yolanda Barone.

Fourth Row: Amelia Parry, Mary Ann Skorobogaty, Sophie Duda, Patricia Anken, Mary McCauley, Joyce Greggains, Frances Butkiewicz, Ellen McAllister.

Absent: Shirley Gearhart, Secretary, Grace DiMezza.



# Stamp Salesmen

These are the students who sell stamps every week and to whom we owe our success in bond drives.

First Row: LaVerne Davis, Jean Fraser, Gloria Seifert, Jean Sestito, Josephine DeMario, Marilyn Wunsch, Marion Wellman, Martha Murphy, Mary Calandra.

Second Row: Elizabeth Spink, Elvira Fauci, Josephine Marucci, Mary Mikitin, Josephine Lucci, Joanne Ierly, Ann Davies, Phyllis Gifford, Marcella Byrnes, Gloria Sinclair, Joyce Smith, Mary Tyler.

Third Row: Joe Lopuzinski, Welcome Carpenter, Richard Looft, Norman Hughes, Virginia Szatkoski, Helen Santoro, Ann Santora, Nancy Kahler, Charles Withey, Nick O'Connell.

Additional Members: Joanne Catalane, Antoinette Czajkowski, Sam D'Ambrosi, Walter Dublanica, Marjorie Flamig, Jean Mancini.



# Gym Leaders

The gym leaders assist Miss Whittaker in teaching the girls' gym classes.

First Row: Helen Hreczkosij, Virginia Anken, La Verne Davis, Jean Sestito.

Second Row: Dorothy Ottaway, Patricia Frank, Helen Palliwadi, Elvira Fauci, Elizabeth Smith, Jennie LaGatta, Delores Cataldo, Edythe Kelleher, Louise Meurer, Elaine Goldman, Mary Jane Sontheimer, Sydell Lichstrahl, Helen Yaworski, Ann Burkhard.

Third Row: Mary McCauley, Mary Lou Fisher, Charlotte Parsons, Shirley Berman, Mary Clark, Joyce Pierce, Mary LoRusso, Rosemary Beeching, Betty Armstrong, Nathaline Grasso, Joan Domino, Barbara Williams.

Fourth Row: Miss Whittaker, Instructor, Muriel Karlen, Faith Powers, Delores Readinger, Rita Richards, Leona Fike, Eleanor Nelson, Katherine Von Ertfelda, Shirley Engelbert, Georgia Gerwig, Joyce Baumler, Fay Longtin, Lois Peal, Alva McCauley.

Fifth Row: Rosalind Newton, Thelma Golden, Lena Acquino, Gloria Pettinelli, Margaret Quattro, Angeline Lombardo, Helen Pickard, Gemma Stellato, Eleanor Fox, Hermina Van Ede, Jeanette Bowers, Betty Veway, Eula Owens, Patricia Anken, Ida Coia, Helen Allen, Elsie Twitchell.



# Senior Ball

The annual Senior Ball was held on December 27. Although the night was a stormy one the dance was a big success with many couples present. Roger Newman's Orchestra furnished the music for the memorable evening. The good time we all had was a credit to the committees who were in charge.

# Junior Prom

The Junior Prom of 1945 was held in the R.F.A. gym on April 3 with dancing to the music of Roger Newman. The gym was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, a fountain and bird bath, creating a delightful woodland scene. It was one of the most successful social affairs of the year.



# National Honor Society

Members to the Honor Society are elected annually for outstanding achievement in scholarship, character, leadership and service.

First Row: Mary Ann Skorobogaty, Sophie Duda, Amelia Parry, Domenica Grieco, Mary Jane Sontheimer, Carolyn Dunn, Rosemary Beeching, Nancy Rung, Mary Keiser, Pat Soellner, Doris Smith, Barbara Williams, LaVerne Davis.

Second Row: Lois Miller, Joan Burns, Jean Bell, Evelyn Stovall, Jean Fraser, Virginia Mueller, Georgia Gerwig, Shirley Engelbert, Bette Wardwell, Ian Marwick, Norman Swinney, Joan Miller.

Third Row: Donald Smith, Nicholas O'Connell, Shirley Groff, William Fedrick, Shirley Gearhart, Richard Billings, Mary Russell, William Walker, Mark McLaughlin, Harry Rice, Jr., Erwin Withey.

Additional Members: Leona Kutsko, Mary LoRusso, J. Bernard Real.

# Davis Essay

Carolyn Buicko of last year's graduating class was the winner of the Davis Essay prize for 1944. Her topic was "War and the Arts."

Competitors in this year's contest are: Domenica Grieco, Nancy Rung, Grace Summa, and Marilyn Wind, writing on the topic "Wartime Science—Its Effect on Tomorrow."



#### SENIOR PLAY

A lot of hidden talent emerged when the Senior Class gave "Spring Green" by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements on May 18 in the Rome Free Academy auditorium.

First Row: Norman Swinney, Mary Keiser, Shirley Engelbert, Cathrine Brown, Georgia Gerwig, Joyce Baumler, Barbara Jones, Nancy Rung, Ian Marwick.

Second Row: Mark McLaughlin, William Stahlberger, Harry Rice, Joseph Trela, Erwin Withey, Nicholas O'Connell.



SLINGERLAND PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

At the forty-second annual prize speaking contest held in the R.F.A. auditorium, March 22, 1945, first prizes went to Rosemary Beeching and Divilio Giannecchinni. Mary Jane Sontheimer and Jack Sherman took second places in this very closely contested competition.

First Row: Josephine DeMario, Domenica Grieco, Mary LoRusso, Mary Jane Sontheimer. Second Row: Divilio Giannecchinni, Rosemary Beeching, Leon Grande, Nicholas O'Connell. Absent when picture was taken: Jack Sherman and Mark McLaughlin.



#### VERITAS VINCIT

#### Here are R.F.A.'s career girls of tomorrow

First Row: Mary Jane Sontheimer, Shirley Englebert, Elizabeth Wardwell, President, Miss Vanderpool, Adviser, Georgia Gerwig, Treasurer, LaVerne Davis, Secretary, Joyce Baumler, Martha Murphy.

Second Row: Faith Powers, Mary LoRusso, Mary Russell, Marilyn Wind, Virginia Mueller, Emily Russell, Barbara Williams, Joan Domino, Gloria Sinclair.

Third Row: Jean Fraser, Mary Keiser, Nancy Rung, Rosemary Beeching, Joan Burns, Sally Box, Patricia Soellner, Joan Miller, Audrey Kime, Carolyn Dunn.



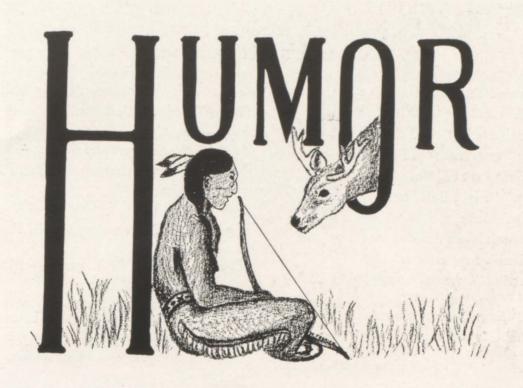
HI-Y

Hi-Y is an organization long connected with R.F.A. and continues to offer training in leadership. First Row: Pierce Goldberg, Jim Lowerre, William Fedrick, Ian Marwick, Harry Rice, Richard Billings, William Walker, Charles Mowry.

Second Row: Kenneth Munney, Frank Lopuszinski, Joseph Favata, Bill Fielding, Dick Rung, Jack Martin, George Baltzer, Howard Pritchard.

Third Row: Milo Fahey, Albert Lince, Bruce Wightman, William Fritz, Jack Kahler, Roger Yutzler, Yarby Rowland, Mike Martin, Bob Stafford.

Additional Members: Nick O'Connell, Larry Doyle, Albert Pallas, Craig Williams, David McCarthy, Jack Sherman, Richard Edwards, Bill Stahlberger, Ervin Withey, Adviser, Dr. Louis E. Wolf.



# You Said It!

Booty Smith—"Little odd; Little odd!"

Mary Keiser-"Wimmin! Wait for me!"

Barbara Williams-"C'mon-gang"

Barry Gibbs-"Women!!!!"

Joe Graziano-"I wish I had a red shirt"

Harry Rice-"Hubba! Hubba!"

Jim Lowerre—"Large charge!"

Kenny Williams—"Oh gosh, fellas! Cut it out"

Jim Curley—"Gotta cigarette?"

Lois Miller-"I should live so long!"

Frank Lopusizinsky — "Hey fellas! Didja hear this one?"

Theresa Sbarglia—"Will you? Won't you? Can't you? Won't your mother let you? Aw c'mon, you said you would!"

Mary LoRusso-"Hi! What's new?"

Ed Sezna-"Don't be bitter, Mrs. Crook"

Mrs. Crook—"I didn't ask you to come in here!"

Miss Whittaker — "Boys! Will you please shut that door?—from the outside"

Miss Barnard — "I don't know my own strength"

The Amalgamated Order of Sinatra Swooners—"Oh Frankie"

Barbara Jones—"Oh! You're just saying that because it's true!"

Choppy Destito-"You're a foul ball!"

Antoinette Magliocci—"Ooh la la"

Joe Grasso—"Ruff! Ruff!"

Miss Mittenmair—"How did we get on this subject?"

Ronnie Powers-"Gosh, I'm handsome!"

Margaret DiGrazio — "I can't do it, Prof.! (Those speech classes?")

Bettyann Outtrim—"Speak rowder and prainer, pwease"

Frances Chmielewski and Helen Pycior — "Two cherry cokes"

## Leave Us Remember

A snowbound Senior Ball.

Bob Ahles' trip.

The five minute bell risk.

Returning "veterans" (Male and Female.)

The Hi-Y Basketball team's "Long Johns."

"Willie Jr." "Eight Ball" and "Winsocky."

Joan Burns' blush.

John Argenzia's pompadour.

Joe Graziano's new sweater.

The Guards' "Overseas" expedition. They were expendable.

Richard Billings' "Man" award.

The C.A.P.C.'s Sergeants (Aren't there any Pyts?)

Charlie Silliman and Charles Withey singing War Stamp ads.

That hobby assembly.

That "quiet" Soph noon Study Hall.

Those "handy" blackouts.

Our sturdy carpenters of South Study Hall—Messrs. Powers and Withey.

Those burning messages on Buzz Page's locker.

Our "Arrow tie ad" - George Baltzer.

Those Soph Speech classes with Prof. Hagerty.

That U. F. A.-R. F. A. game — Always the same.

That nice Christmas program in which Shirley Gearhart and Suzanne Elting soloed.

Miss Buicko's patterned "OK" for athletes. For that matter—Miss Buicko.

Nancy Rung's Bowlegs.

"Mort" Marwick "The Negative Ion."

## Leave Us Leave

- I, Pat Anken, leave my ability to remain in the library to all those who can't. (That includes Dave O'Conner.)
- I, John Argenzia, leave to Gus Westervelt, a lock of my hair.
- I. Bolivar Shagnasty, leave to Pat Medick my yellow sweater.
- I, Jean Fraser, leave my luck as a stamp salesman to my successors.
- I, Bernadine Wood, leave to Joan Powell my quiet disposition-etc.
- I, Mary LoRusso, leave my announcements to those who listened.
- I, Ray Hielig, leave to Charlie Mowry, my trek to Ridge Mills.
- I, William Stahlberger, leave to my successors, a scoreboard that works.
- I, Joe Trela, leave my multicolored suspenders to Mary Jane Sontheimer.
- I, Bob Curley, leave to J. Bernard Real, my book of snappy comebacks.
- We, Kenny Munny, Joe Favata and Albert Lince, leave to Prof. Smith a four-legged tripod.
- We, the Senior Class, leave to Nick Serrani, a "TS" ticket.
- We, the Seniors, leave to the Sophomore girls more Senior boys and to the Senior girls, more Sophomore boys.
- I, Ann Burkhart, leave my enthusiasm for basketball to those who go merely to gaze.
- We, the Senior class, leave to Craig Brush a few bass chords.
- We, the Senior boys, leave to Shirley Jones more change for her loafers.

# Leave Us Gaze Into the Crystal Ball

Domenica Grieco and Genevieve Ceresoli collaborating on a column for the New York Times. Gwyneth Davies—The female Benny Goodman.

Sophie Duda expounding on her revision of Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

Nancy Roberts teaching Miss Riley's class with Joanne Irely substituting.

Josephine Lucci under an umbrella singing "Stormy Weather" in the El Morocco.

Mark McLaughlin as the Paul Whiteman of the future.

Peggy Barnard—head of a large business "undertaking."

The law firm of Powers, Billings, O'Connell and Sherman, Shysters, Inc.

Guido Fanfarillo, the Gene Kelly of tomorrow.

Katy Brown as "John's Other Wife."

Ann Bell making better pies for better eating through cookery.

Mary Ann Skorobogaty conducting the New York Philharmonic.

# Leave Us Forget

Those cold walks to the annex.

That "frosh" hat fad.

That word "rugged" and the phrase "I feel for ya."

Bob Harris and his women.

Coach and his gym classes.

The Boy's locker room (read this 6 times)

Bob Secor's gossip column.

Those 5 weeks tests.

That chill out-Brrr.

Those locker pin ups!

North Study Hall's lousy pencil sharpener.

That Wac!

The Swimming team picture.

That ancient B-s, J-s feud.

Our ten minute talks.

Those so-called rides on those so-called busses when even those so-called men stand up.

# Gruesome Twosomes

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for the relationship between a guy and a gal to be dissolved, there ain't much we can do about it, but at this writing the more prominent and gruesomer twosomes are:

Josephine Marucci and Romeo Cecilia Virginia Mueller and Leo Waite LaVerne Davis and Bill Walker Doralene Fritz and Bob Harris Nancy Rung and Joe Trela Joyce Baumler and Greg Patala Beverly Smith and Eddie Sezna Sylvia Rudd and Harry Rice Joan Strong and Ronnie Powers

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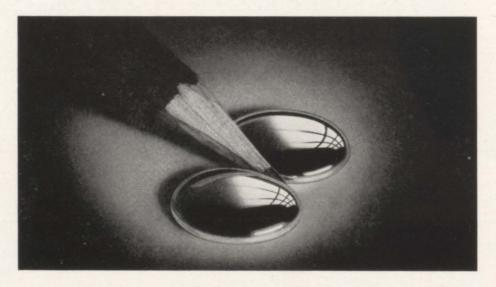
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